Selection of NGOs for grant-in-aid

872. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for surrendering the right to select NGOs for grant-in-aid scheme to the State Governments; and

(b) whether NGOs have willingly accepted this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN) (a) and (b) In the past, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment received the applications of the NGOs from the State Governments with their recommendations. This procedure has not changed.

Procedure for examining the proposals of NGOs in the Ministry too has not changed. However, the procedure for sanction of grant-in-aid to NGOs has been streamlined from current financial year. This was necessitated because recommendation of the State Governments for NGOs were being received in a piecemeal manner. In several cases, they got delayed resulting in late release of funds to NGOs. The old procedure had also created varying asymmetry in the fund flow to various States.

The streamlining would result in submission of recommendations for NGOs by the State Governments in a consolidated manner by a definite time limit.

Outreach activities of institutes for disabled

873. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Hearing Handicapped and the National Institute for Mentally Handicapped are reducing their outreach activities and only concentrating on academic matters;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have directed the NIHH and the NIMH not to serve and help in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details of the directives given by Government in this regard;

(d) the steps taken to amend such policies and directives, to give flexibility to the famous institutions; and

(e) the steps proposed to help the weaker sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Proposals for developmental schemes for Andhra Pradesh

874. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details and status of the proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government received during the last year and till date in the current year;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearing each of these proposals; and

(c) the details of the ongoing/proposed major socio-economic, educational and developmental schemes/projects for Andhra Pradesh under various Centrally sponsored schemes/programmes?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) The details of the major ongoing schemes meant for socio-economic and educational development of Andhra Pradesh being implemented by Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and the status of the proposals received under these schemes and funds released during the years 2006-07 and 07-08 are given in the Statement.

Statement

Status of proposals received under various schemes and release of funds during 2006-07 *and* 2007-08

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the scheme	Funds released by Ministry of Tribal Affairs		Remark
		2006-07	2007-08	
1	2	3	4	5
1	Special Central Assistance (SCA) to Tribal Sub Plan (TSP)	3344.33	1608.00	Proposal for 2007-08 has not been received.
2	Grants under Article 275 (1) of Constitution of India			-
(a)	Infrastructure Development	1045.00	0.00	For 2007-08, the proposal was received
(b)	Minor Irrigation	895.00	0.00	late *i.e.* after the
(c)	Continuation of Eklavya Model Residential Schools	530.00	0.00	meeting held on 02.8.07.
(d)	Coffee Planation Project	360.31	0.00	
3	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs)			
(a)	Development of Primitive Tribal Groups	264.00	0.00	The proposal is not received for
(b)	Janshree Bima Yojana	110.00	0.00	2007-08.
4	Post Matric Scholarships to ST students	4403.27	559.17	During current year *ad-hoc* grant has been released. The proposal is not received for 2007-08.

1	2	3	4	5
5	Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes	176.52	30.89	During current year arrear grants of previous years have been released. The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
6	Educational Complexes in Low Literacy Pockets for ST Girls	128.61	615.41	During current year, arrear grant of 2004-05 and 2005-06 has been released. The proposal is not received for 2006-07 and 2007-08.
7	Construction of Boys/Girls Hostels	120.00	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
8	Construction of Ashram Schools	0.00	0.00	No proposal received for 2006-07 and 2007-08
9	Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship	-	-	Being implemented through UGC
10	Top Class Education for ST students	-	0.00	The scheme started from the current year *i.e.* 2007-08.
11	Vocational Training Centres	67.50	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
12	Coaching and Allied Schemes for STs	15.76	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
13	Grants to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporation for MFP Operations	141.00	600.00	The proposal is required to be considered after appraisal of the scheme during 11th Plan.
14	Research and Training	29.77	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
15	Upgradation of Merit of ST students	3.60	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
16	Research Fellow Scholarships	1.40	0.00	The proposal is not received for 2007-08.
17	Exchange of Visits by Tribals	0.99	0.00	